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FOR PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR CAROLYN R. PAYTON

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: N/A  
SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS PROGRAMMING

REF: STATE 177191

1. MY STAFF AND I HAVE STUDIED YOUR MESSAGE ON PEACE CORPS PROGRAMMING AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT ON YOUR POLICY TO ELIMINATE SMALL PROJECTS, AND EXCEPT IN "INFREQUENT CASES WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT", TO APPROVE ONLY PROJECTS CALLING FOR TEN OR MORE VOLUNTEERS.

2. AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO INTRODUCE GREATER EFFICIENCIES IN GOVERNMENT AND MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE PROFILE ABROAD, WE ARE UNEASY LEST THE POLICY YOU DESCRIBE TURN OUT TO BE AN INVITATION TO INEFFICIENT BLOATING OF PROJECTS AND TO AN UNDESIRABLE INCREASE AND BALANCE IN PEACE CORPS PRESENCE. SUCH "BLOATING" MIGHT ALSO RESULT IN POOR MORALE AMONG UNDER-CHALLENGED VOLUNTEERS.  
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3. WE HAVE STATED IN OUR VARIOUS "GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" EXERCISES AND MODE DETERMINATIONS THAT 150 VOLUNTEERS IN EL SALVADOR IS THE SATURATION POINT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THOSE VOLUNTEERS DEPLOYED AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT SALVADORIAN SOCIETY WHERE THEY CAN BE EFFECTIVELY

AND GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. WE FIND MANY DESIRABLE  
PROJECTS ARE SUITABLE FOR FEWER THAN TEN VOLUNTEERS  
OR EVEN FOR "SINGLE JOB TITLES."

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MASS INFUSION OF PEACE  
CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECTS IN EL SALVADOR IS  
NECESSARILY DESIRABLE NOR THAT IT IS THE BEST  
WAY TO ACCOMPLISH PEACE CORPS OBJECTIVES. THE  
LARGE PROJECT APPROACH WOULD SEEM TO EMPHASIZE THE  
OBJECTIVE OF BROADENING EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN  
YOUTH ABROAD RATHER THAN ENHANCING CONTRIBUTION TO  
LOCAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH WE CAN  
SEE BOTH OBJECTIVES PREJUDICED BY "FLOODING THE

MARKET" IN ANY GIVEN AREA. WE PREFER QUALITY TO  
QUANTITY OR SIZE. OBVIOUSLY, MANY PROJECTS CAN  
APPROPRIATE USE MORE THAN TEN VOLUNTEERS, BUT WE  
WOULD PLEAD FOR REASONABLE FLEXIBILITY IN  
DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS FOR PEACE CORPS PARTICIPA-  
TION TO ALLOW FOR WHAT WE CONSIDER OPTIMUM  
UTILIZATION OF THE PEACE CORPS AS A RESOUCCE FOR  
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF U.S. OBJECTIVES.  
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